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News of the Week

Local Weather Report.

TEMPERATURE:

June 5,—Min....	70.	Max....	90.
" 6,— "	69.	"	89.
" 7,— "	68.	"	88.
" 8,— "	62.	"	88.
" 9,— "	68.	"	91.
" 10,— "	67.	"	93.
" 11,— "	71.	"	95.

Miss Addie Bailey has been on the sick list this week.

Mr. Myers, of South Carolina, has returned after a short visit to relatives here.

San Mateo readers will be interested in the town ordinances published in this issue.

Palatka is certainly coming to the front. A new steam laundry is the latest addition.

S. W. Rowley and family enjoyed a couple of days outing in Jacksonville this week.

Mr. S. C. Warner, accompanied by Mr. Lewis, of Utica, were seeing the sights here last Saturday.

The J. M. A. Miller grove was sold Monday under foreclosure of mortgage. It was bid in by the Ralph heirs.

The San Mateo Fruit Co., has purchased 50 sheep, which they will turn into their shedded orange grove.

The Bailey Co., have moved their headquarters back to their old stand in the store formerly occupied by N. Bailey & Son.

C. A. Bailey and J. D. Gray took in the excursion to Tampa this week. The rate given of \$2.50 for the round trip from Palatka was attractive.

The Florida delegation to California report 3500 car-loads of lemons held in packing houses in California while they were out there, waiting for a better market.

The rate on oranges from California to any point east of Kansas City is 82.8 cents per box. In the warm weather there is an icing charge every 24 hours, on top of this, which brings the cost up to about \$1.02 per box, delivered in New York.

Death of W. M. Davis.

Walter M. Davis, only son of Hon. Robt. W. Davis, died in Palatka Wednesday morning, after an illness of several weeks.

Mr. Davis was born in Bainbridge, Ga., in 1871. He was reared in Palatka, but for several years past has lived in Jacksonville, practicing his profession with much success. He was a young man of unusual ability and was recognized as one of the foremost lawyers of Florida. Surviving him are his wife, who was Miss Annie Ackerman, two children, his father and two sisters.

Money in Potatoes.

Mr. W. H. Erwin, of Anastasia and Hastings, in conversation with a Record representative this morning gave him the results from the potato crop on two of his farms at Hastings.

On one farm of 45 acres he shipped 3,326 barrels or an average of seventy-three and nine-tenths barrels to the acre.

On another farm of 75 acres he shipped 3,922 barrels or an average of fifty-two and one-third barrels to the acre. This makes the splendid average for the 120 acres of 64 barrels to the acre. This does not include the many barrels of culls which were sold at \$1.75 per barrel at the station. —St. Augustine Record.

Clubbing Rates.

The new National Monthly Magazine, published by Norman E. Mack at Buffalo, N. Y., subscription \$1.00 a year, and the Item, \$1.00, both \$1.50 per year.

The daily Florida Times-Union, \$6.00 a year and the Item, \$1.00 a year, both \$6.00 per year.

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Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Blanche Crill to Mr. John H. Randolph, Jr., on Wednesday, the 16th of June, at the home of the bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. S. Crill, Palatka Heights.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Russell, of Jacksonville sympathize with them in the death of their daughter Mrs. Hans Mutzenbecker which occurred in Hamburg, Germany, the first of this week.

The darkies here had a blow-out, picnic, barbecue and base ball game last Saturday. They came from Welaka, Federal Point and all the way between. The San Mateo-Welaka ball game resulted in a close victory for Welaka, while the San Mateo-Federal Point game went to San Mateo.

Hastings Potato Fields.

Hastings, April 29.—Hastings is now submitting the proof of the early predictions as to an unprecedented yield in the potato fields. In rare instances the yield has reached 100 barrels to the acre. Mr. Emerson reports having shipped 450 barrels from a five acre field, and the Florida Vegetable Company from 1 1-32 acres dug 129 barrels, many farmers are reporting an average yield of 60 to 70 and even 80 barrels to the acre on fields of 20 to 40 acres.

Shipping has been increasing, and for the next two weeks will be at the highest mark. During the past few days the potato trains have averaged 40 cars daily. As the potatoes are removed from the ground the corn is beginning to show. Before the spuds are all shipped Hastings will be one immense cornfield. The outlook for the corn crop is as bright as the potato crop, and the farmers will harvest a second profitable crop from the same ground within a period of a few months.

At the present time Hastings is a scene of great activity. Commission men, buyers and visitors, with the growers and diggers animate the potato section, and the merchants here are also reaping a harvest.

Prof. Claude Tingley, of Stetson University, was here a few days recently leaving Monday for Philadelphia and Jersey City, and later will go on to Chicago for the summer. Mrs. Tingley will remain North this summer.

From week to week the Item will publish the reports of the Orange Growers Committees as given at the meeting in Tampa last week. Hon. Thos. Palmer's paper will be found on another page this week.

Mr. W. N. Lewis, of Utica, N. Y., was here this week in the interest of the Ralph property. He left instructions for many improvements, fertilizing the two properties, etc. Mr. Rowley will have charge of the work.

This story was told at the Tampa convention: A certain Congressman stated that the only things California needed to make it a paradise were water and good people. Another replied that water and good people would make a paradise of h—.

The City Council met last Saturday evening and it was decided to go on with our town matters, assess taxes, etc. It cost the city about \$100.00 per year for all town expenses leaving the balance of all money collected to go toward building hard roads.

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